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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
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Box No. I Basis of the report

With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1 (b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

☒ the international application as originally filed/furnished

☐ the description:

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pages*	received by this Authority on	with the letter of
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☐ the claims:

pages	as originally filed/furnished	
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☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages
- ☐ the claims, Nos.
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*):
- ☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*):

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- ☐ the description, pages
- ☐ the claims, Nos.
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*):
- ☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*):

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention

- ☐ In response to the invitation to restrict or pay additional fees the applicant has:
- ☐ restricted the claims.
 - ☐ paid additional fees.
 - ☐ paid additional fees under protest.
 - ☐ neither restricted nor paid additional fees.
2. ☒ This Authority found that the requirement of unity of invention is not complied with and chose, according to Rule 68.1, not to invite the applicant to restrict or pay additional fees.
3. This Authority considers that the requirement of unity of invention in accordance with Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3 is:

- ☐ complied with.
- ☒ not complied with for the following reasons:

The international application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention because it does not relate to one invention or to a group of inventions so linked as to form a single general inventive concept. In coming to this conclusion the International Searching Authority has found that there are two inventions:

1. Claims 1 – 41, 43 – 46, 48 – 50 and 52 – 60 are directed to a radio communications system including data frames coded so as to be perceived by the device receiving the data frame, as a collision when the device is already receiving data from another source. It is considered that the detection of a collision comprises a first "special technical feature".
2. Claims 42, 47 and 51 are directed to a radio communications system including at least two transceivers and a repeater located intermediate the transceivers such that upon receipt of a data transmission from a first transceiver, the repeater re-transmits the data transmission from the first transceiver. It is considered that a repeater located intermediate the transceivers such that upon receipt of a data transmission from a first transceiver, the repeater re-transmits the data transmission from the first transceiver comprises a second "special technical feature".

Since the above mentioned groups of claims do not share either of the technical features identified, a "technical relationship" between the inventions, as defined in PCT rule 13.2 does not exist. Accordingly the international application does not relate to one invention or to a single inventive concept.

4. Consequently, this report has been established in respect of the following parts of the international application:

- ☒ all parts.
- ☐ the parts relating to claims Nos.

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1 – 60	YES
	Claims None	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1 – 60	YES
	Claims None	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1 – 60	YES
	Claims None	NO

Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Documents cited for the purpose of compiling this report:

(D1) JP 2001-231078 A (NIPPON TELEGRAPH & TELEPHONE CORP.) 24 August 2001, see whole document (English translation sourced from JP web site: <http://www19.ipdl.jpo.go.jp/PA1/cgi-bin/PA1INIT?>); and

(D2) US 5040175 A

(D3) WO 2004/034310 A2

NOVELTY (N) and INVENTIVE STEP (IS) claims 1 - 60

Claims 1 – 41, 43 – 46, 48 – 50 and 52 – 60 are novel and inventive in light of the cited prior art documents D1 – D3 that do not, either alone or in obvious combination, disclose all of the features defined in the claims. In particular none of the documents either disclose or obviously suggest to a person skilled in the art the defined feature of a data frame used in a radio frequency communications network including data that is coded so as to be perceived by a device receiving the data frame, as a collision when the device is already receiving data from another source or the use of a fourth time slot for transmitting a collision indication.

Claims 42, 47 and 51 are novel and inventive in light of the cited prior art documents D1 – D3 that do not, either alone or obvious combination, disclose all of the features defined in the claims. In particular none of the documents either disclose or obviously suggest to a person skilled in the art the defined feature of a radio communications system including a repeater that upon receiving data from one of either a first or second transceiver, in a first time slot, transmits a repeater flag in a second time slot, and then in a third time slot transmits the data received in the first time slot.